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THE LEGISLATIVE OPENING.

The Provincial Government so ably led by Hon. J. B. M. Baxter is today meeting the Legislature for the third time since its return to power two and one half years ago. The opening date of the session is two weeks earlier than has been the case for some years past, and with the work of preparation well advanced we feel sure that the change will be appreciated by the members, particularly by those who follow lumbering and agricultural pursuits.

The Speech from the Throne, with which His Honor opened the session this afternoon, is characterized by brevity and also by modesty. Much lengthier speeches have been placed in the hands of the chief executive in the past by governments which had far less cause for boasting in the way of achievements than has the present most capable administration. It goes to show that the government now in control of affairs, is content to labor earnestly to promote the welfare of the people and has no desire to play to the galleries.

The Speech makes a graceful reference to the notables who honored the province with a visit during the year. Mention is also made of the increase in the volume of tourist travel which has, as the result of publicity work promoted by the government, reached very large proportions.

Reference is made by His Honor to the marked benefits accruing to the province from the new Mining Act passed last session which has resulted in the reopening of the rich Antimony mines at Lake George. The antimony deposits here are the most valuable on the continent and the whole province will benefit from their development.

It is only natural that the high record price realized from the sale of fishing leases last year should be the subject of a paragraph. Previous governments were never able to obtain a sum in excess of \$16,500 for the fishing rights of the Restigouche river. The present government prior to the sale had an investigation made, with the result that the upset price was sharply advanced. The actual price realized, which is also the annual rental, was \$75,500.

The announcement that the Department of Agriculture will make provision for a district representative in every county of the province should be pleasing news to the farmers. This policy has been in vogue in many states of the union for some time and has been a great success.

Other matters referred to in the Speech were the Diamond Jubilee celebration, the Inter-provincial Conference at Ottawa and the establishment of a provincial police force. The provincial police force has been functioning for a little more than six months and has proved its worth in the detection of crime and in the enforcement of law and order.

There is an optimistic note in the Speech regarding the development of the Grand Falls water power, and the establishment of pulp and paper mills which are to follow this development.

It is the intention of the government to render greater assistance than hitherto in the fight being waged to rid the province of the scourge of tuberculosis, and thus reduce the cost to the various municipalities of caring for victims of this dread disease.

It is perhaps but natural that the high standing of the credit of the province as shown by a recent bond sale, should be made the subject of a paragraph in the speech. Improvement in provincial credit is due in a large measure to the judicious handling of the finances by the present administration, and its determination to keep expenditure within the income.

The session of the Legislature which began today is not likely to be unduly prolonged. While no legislation of great importance is forecasted in the Speech no doubt our law makers will find plenty to keep them busy during their sojourn at the capital. It is scarcely necessary to tell them that their presence here is appreciated and that the citizens of Fredericton will do all in their power to make it pleasant for them.

The death at Montreal yesterday of Mr. C. E. R. Usher, General Passenger Traffic Manager of the C. P. R., deprives Canada of one of its best known and most capable railway officials. The late Mr. Usher had been in the employ of the C. P. R. for forty-two years, and had steadily worked himself up to one of the highest executive positions. Mr. Usher's duties brought him to New Brunswick quite frequently and he had many warm friends in this province who will regret to learn of his death.

Away back in the forties of the last century the immortal Charles Dickens in describing the opening of the Nova Scotia Legislature, which he witnessed, declared that it was like looking at Westminster through the big end of a telescope. His description was a very apt one as our whole legislative machinery is a replica of that of the mother of Parliaments, and what the great novelist said is as true today as was the case four score years ago.

If there is any modern necessity that is taxed more than the automobile we don't know what it is. There's a tax on its sale, it's taxed as personal property, it's taxed for a license to run, and the gas is taxed that goes into it. And all of these do not include the other tacks that go into it.

Science has made great strides during the past twenty-five years in prolonging life and preserving the normal functions, even the automobile seeming to be less subject to chronic valvular troubles and early articular idiosyncrasies.

An automobile bumper of pneumatic principle has been placed on the market, which is further convincing evidence of the paternalistic interests the manufacturer is taking in the pedestrian.

"When an optimist gets the worst of it," observes a philosopher, "he makes the best of it." And, incidentally, when a pessimist gets the best of it, he suspects the Greeks bearing gifts.

Does that woman who argues girls ought to have the right to propose take into consideration the fact that such a convention would give them an additional advantage?

In these days a woman doesn't marry a man to reform him because she doesn't expect to be married to him that long.

From London comes news that cattle liver oil has been found superior to cod liver oil, but even that would not be saying any too much for it.

That loud speaker which has "thrown the human voice a mile" must have broken the standing broad ventriloquism record.

Then there is another type, probably in Florida at this moment, who feels at home anywhere except at home.

The trouble with New England, if any, is not the Bossy Gillises: The trouble with New England is trustees.

Feminine attire is constantly adding to the zest for the higher education.

That French duel with boxing gloves could have been more brutal. Think if they had worn ice skates.

Another type of poor workingman is the one that keeps his eye constantly on the clock.

SOME CLASS AS A SKIPPER

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Evanston, Ills. Feb. 23—Chester Levere, celebrated his 58th birthday here by skipping the rope 15,000 times to break his previous world's record of 12,000 skips. The feat was accomplished in three hours and 39 minutes, an average of 96 skips per minute.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

There is more diplomacy than love between nations.

If he runs away from his crime he knows right from wrong.

It doesn't help much to tell the nurse you had the right of way.

Add sad words of tongue or pen: "And everybody thought he was such a nice man!"

Lima Beane says the people have yet to see a statue of a man with his feet on the desk.

This is such a big country that people who have nothing else to do are kept busy chasing around after the climate.

Incredulous persons still believe Dempsey can see a big purse where a small preliminary offer would be invisible.

Man hasn't yet solved the puzzle of the two pants suit. Can't understand why one pair-fringes at the bottom before the other.

What profit hath a man of all his labor which he taketh under the sun? Ecclesiastes. (Relayed by the Ohio State Journal. Sounds like a loafer's alibi.)

Then there was the old fashioned fellow who, after the tenth straight drink, always led up to the statement that he was as good as any man and better than most.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. W. Niles, M. L. A., of Andover is a guest of the Barker House today.

L. J. Violette, M. L. A., and Mrs. Violette, of St. Leonard, are registered at the Barker House today.

O. B. Davis, M. L. A., of Grand Falls is here for the house opening. He is registered at the Barker.

Dr. M. A. Oulten, M. L. A., and Mrs. Oulten of Shediac are guests of the Barker today.

D. R. Cassabean of St. John is at the Barker House today.

W. F. Copp, of Newcastle is at the Barker today.

R. W. Tufts, of Wolfville is a guest of the Barker today.

H. M. Woods, M. L. A., of Sackville is registered at the Barker today.

Hon. B. M. Hill of St. John is registered at the Barker House this afternoon.

A. Colby Smith, M. L. A., and Mrs. Smith are guests jtheorw

Smith, of St. John, are guests of the Barker today.

A. J. Brooks, M. L. A., of Sussex, is at the Barker today.

M. E. Agar, M. L. A., and Mrs. Agar of St. John are among the Barker House guests today.

Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, M. L. A., and Mrs. Tilley, and Miss Alice Talley are registered at the Barker today.

Hon. Lewis Smith, M. L. A., and Mrs. Smith, of Coverdale, are guests of the Barker today.

Lt. Col. Brooks of St. John is a guest of the Barker today.

Mr. R. G. Fulton, Chairman of the Liquor Control Board, has returned from an official visit to the North Shore.

Col. W. B. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson are guests of the Barker House this afternoon.

H. W. Vaughan of St. John is among the Barker House guests today.

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CITY OF FREDERICTON Notice of Legislation

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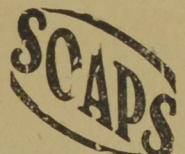
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